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Dear Friend:

On June 16 you and I will make a fateful decision concerning the future of our troubled city for years to come by selecting a new mayor.

I think the choice for mayor is obvious, and it becomes so by looking at the record of the two candidates.

This is, in part, the legacy of the Addonizio administration:

1. A tax rate of 8.47, one of the highest property tax rates in America, and with an impending 200 point jump next year.
2. A crime rate that has nearly doubled under the Addonizio administration. Last year alone, 31,000 Newarkers were the victims of major crimes.
3. An administration under indictment for extortion and graft, with a total of 11 former or present city officials, including the mayor, about to stand trial.

I could go on and on about the poor conditions of our schools, municipal services and streets, but I believe you are well aware of the many failings of the mayor and his administration.

Ken Gibson has a solid record as a civil engineer with the City of Newark, a 17-year record of accomplishment and stability. He is the father of three daughters and a grandfather, a resident of the Central Ward, a graduate of Newark College of Engineering, an Army veteran and the Jaycees "Man of the Year."

I do not agree with Ken Gibson on all matters, but he and I agree on the basic issues.

Ken Gibson and John Caufield both want the same things you want for Newark -- safer streets, tax stabilization, better schools; in short, a better community for all of us regardless of our background.

These are the real issues in this campaign.

Newark does not need a black mayor or a white mayor; we need an honest and efficient mayor to accomplish the job of making Newark a great city again. Newark needs a mayor who can talk and work with all segments of our community.

That is why I endorsed Ken Gibson for Mayor of Newark and why I am asking you to vote for Ken Gibson on June 16. On May 12 over 80 per cent of Newark voters, or 72,000 citizens, voted against the Mayor and what he stands for. Let's make sure that decision sticks.

The future of our city depends on it.

Sincerely,

